

MEMORANDUM

TO : VF SVND
FROM : MSAFE SVND
SUBJECT : Safety Monthly Report - February 1975

DATE : 8 March 1975
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1. General

A. Pilot Meetings

None were conducted during this reporting period. However, as in the past, any data pertinent to the flight personnel was passed along by the MFC/CP by Memorandums or the pilots Bulletin Board.

B. Accident Incident Investigation

This Division was not involved in any major accidents during this reporting period.

To this date the China Airlines, C-123K, ST-1 (54-625) aircraft which has been listed as missing since January 1975 has not been positively located. The appropriate parties are in the process of arranging a possible visit to the suspected crash site, which is about 15 NM Southwest of Nha Trang, (V-07). Upon proper arrangements, we expect to be alerted to allow the Investigation Team to visit the scene.

2. Safety Suggestions (SAFE-15)

One Safety Suggestion was received during this reporting period and local action taken.

3. Unfriendly Action

<u>DATE</u>	<u>A/C TYPE/NO</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
22 Jan	PC6C/N185K	V-225/050°	One small arms round struck the nose cowling section of the engine during take-off. No personnel injuries.
29 Jan	204B/N1303X	10 KM SW of V-09	While climbing through 1200' (MSL) the PIC heard small arms fire. One round struck the aircraft, subsequently the oil pressure went to zero. A safe landing was made at an alternate site. Inspection revealed that the transmission drain line was severed. No personnel injuries.
29 Jan	UH-1H/71-20110/71-20104	Military ramp C-01	While in a static configuration the aircraft were subjected to damage as several 107 mm rockets impacted nearby. However, no damage was incurred to the aircraft or injuries to Company personnel.

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29 Jan	DHC4/N11014	On the ground C-01	While parked on the Embassy ramp, one 122 rocket impacted in the vicinity of the NE end of the Commercial ramp.
31 Jan	DHC4/N11014	Downwind to Runway 23, C-01	While in preparation for landing two 107 rockets struck on the military ramp. Later, the aircraft landed, a quick turn-around was executed. The flight departed the area safely.
01 Feb	204B/N8513F	On the ground C-48	After shut down the field came under mortar attack from the Northeast. The closest round impacted about 100 yards from the aircraft. No damage to the aircraft and no personnel injuries.
02 Feb	204B/N8514F	On ground C-01 Old C-123 Ramp	While parked, for about one hour, 3 rounds of 107 mm rocket fire impacted near the runway. The aircraft were undamaged by the incoming projectiles and there were no personnel injuries.
03 Feb	UH-1H/71- 20110	WT-2121, Cambodia 360°	While flying in the vicinity of the Mekong River heavy small arms fire was encountered. No damage to the aircraft and no personnel injuries.
04 Feb	204B/N1305X	On the ground V-52	After touchdown one mortar impacted about 300' NW of the aircraft. Aircraft departed the area without incident.
05 Feb	DHC4/N11014	On the ground C-07	During take-off one mortar round detonated about 50' to the right rear of the aircraft. Take-off was continued without further incident.
07 Feb	VTB/N9157Z	C-47 heading 060°	On downwind leg small arms fire was directed at the aircraft. No damage resulted from the incident and there were no injuries.
10 Feb	DHC4/N11014	Commercial ramp, C-01	During refueling one rocket impacted on the NE perimeter of the airfield - about 2500' from the aircraft. No personnel injuries or aircraft damage.
11 Feb	UH-1H/71- 20110	Vicinity of C-01	During take-off one mortar round struck at the NE of the airstrip.
16 Feb	204B/N8513F	On the ground C-01	Aircraft was shut down when one unknown type rocket impacted in the vicinity of the North end of the runway.

16 Feb	204B/N8513F	C-48/180°	Upon landing several 82 mm mortar rounds impacted in the general vicinity of the LZ.
16 Feb	204B/N8513F	WT-0864 180°	While inflight, at 5500' (MSL), the PIC observed a flash and smoke on the ground from an impacting round of DK82 fire.
18 Feb	PC6C/N192K	Military ramp C-01	While refueling two 107 mm rockets impacted at the NE end of the airfield perimeter.
19 Feb	204B/N8514F	C-48/360°	During the approach to the LZ, at 300' (MSL), the PIC reports mortars were observed impacting on and in the vicinity of the LZ. PIC immediately departed the area without further incident.
19 Feb	C-46/N9458Z	Military ramp C-01	While unloading cargo two 107 mm rockets struck about 60 yards from the aircraft. No personnel injury, but, the vertical stabilizer sustained a small shrapnel hole.
19 Feb	204B/N8514F	Landing at C-48	While on final approach for landing a ground explosion was heard to the left of the aircraft. No personnel injury or aircraft damage involved.

4. Minor Incident/Inflight Irregularity (SAFE-9)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>A/C TYPE/NO</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
22 Jan	PC6C/N185K	Vi Thanh, V-225	During climb-out the PIC noted that the nose section had sustained minor skin damage as the result of a small projectile. The PIC neither felt nor heard the gun fire. <u>Damage:</u> to tail pipe compartment and engine accessory cowl. <u>Cause:</u> Hostile action.
24 Jan	C-47/43- 15559	Saigon	Immediately after take-off the right hand engine started to vibrate. Also, the F/O noted smoke or fluid streaming from the underside of the aircraft. The PIC feathered the RH propeller, and the firewall shut-off was actuated. <u>Damage:</u> Internal engine failure - The number 12 piston head badly peened. <u>Cause:</u> Unknown. Suspect master rod bearing failure. Causal factor pending engine teardown report.

29 Jan 204B/N1303X Vicinity of V-09 While in preparation for landing the aircraft sustained a small arms hit. The transmission oil pressure dropped and the caution light came on. PIC elected to land at an alternate LZ.
Damage: Transmission oil cooler line damaged. Also, the power lever tube assembly and the HF radio antenna received damage.

5. Accident Report (SAFE-4) Damage to Aircraft

<u>DATE</u>	<u>A/C TYPE/NO</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
22 Jan	PC6C/N185K	V-225	During climb-out the aircraft was damaged as the result of small arms fire. <u>Damage:</u> One bullet penetrated the left lower cowl of the tail pipe compartment. No further damage. <u>Cause:</u> Hostile action

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